



Recreation Advisory Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2010

In Attendance: Jim Smith, Nate Spade, Dick Norrie, Rhoda Iorger, Dave Stine, Scott Pepperman, Theresa Eberly, Ed Rigg
Absent: Jason Sanserverino
Staff: Jeff Williams, Kristy Owens
Other: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stine at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 1, 2010 were approved a motion from Scott, seconded by Rhoda.

Public Comment

None

Liaison

Nate Spade provided the Liaison report. The new Township Manager, Sam Monticello, will start on August 2nd. A summary of his experience was provided. The Board has been asked to re-zone a 150 acre tract of land that is part of the Hempt Farm from agricultural to light industrial. The Planning Board denied the request and voted to send it to the County Planning Board for review. Concern was expressed that Township services are already overloaded with current level of development. Discussion followed.

Director/Assistant Director Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Veteran's Memorial 5-K – Kristy reported that over \$1600 was raised through registration fees and sponsorship. This is over \$500 above the cost of the event. On a motion from Dave and seconded by Dick, RAC approved donating \$500 from the race proceeds to the Veteran's Memorial project.
- SRP Phase III – Jeff reported that a check for ½ of the SSYBA commitment was received. The \$95,000 was placed in the Recreation Donation Fund per budget. Jeff confirmed receipt of the check with a letter of thanks.
- Jeff described two recent incidents involving dogs off leash at Willow Mill Park. One involved an 'electronic leash'. RAC confirmed that the intent of the program was to have dogs physically on a lead in the park.
- TreeVitalize trees have been planted at Stony Ridge Park

- Kristy gave an update on the BBQ and Bluegrass event. Two bluegrass bands, BBQ by New Kingstown Fire Company, kettle corn, inflatable children's activity, Rita's Ice, and other activities.
- RAC subcommittee discussion was tabled until August.
- Kristy reported that the summer camp is mostly filled at about the same levels as last year.
- A discussion was held on any input RAC has at this point on the 2011 budget.
- Jeff reported that the TreeVitalize grant for New Kingstown was submitted.
- The PEDTA grant for the wind turbine was submitted
- The Friends of Willow Mill will be at the BBQ & Bluegrass event
- Scott and Dave reported on the meeting with the Business Advisory Council. BAC was cool towards any additional fees for businesses in the Township. Jeff mentioned that BAC may not have understood that RAC was interested in commercial developers' fees and not on a fee to any new business. Just new structures/development.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kristy reported on the new sand and volleyball activity areas being put into Pleasant View Park.
- RAC decided to hold a "Workshop" meeting on Thursday, August 19 at 6pm to update the Park Development Strategic Plan.
- A brief discussion on discounts for employees for recreation programs was held and further discussion tabled until next month.
- Jeff presented the draft of Hampden Township Parks and Recreation's "Athletic Field Guidelines". He and Kristy will present a similar document for Township fields to RAC for comment in August. Implementation would be for the fall season.
- A donation of \$200 was received to be used to purchase another park bench at Willow Mill Park. A second donation will be given next year to reach the funding level necessary.
- Jeff described two serious incidents of vandalism at Pleasant View Park over the past couple of weeks. The Superintendent of Police may be able to get a camera on loan to temporarily monitor the area.
- Kristy described the new programs being offered this summer.
- She also described the additions to the web site, specifically the "About" section.
- Jeff announced that the fall intern had been offered the position. Amanda Kime will begin August 9.

Other Business

- Jeff announced that CVMFA is still looking at lights for SRP and will attend a future meeting after more fact finding.
- It was decided that park tours would continue prior to the August meeting for those interested. SSYBA can come in and present the kiosk design for SRP so that RAC is aware of their effort.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm on a motion by Scott, seconded by Jason.

NEXT RAC MEETING: Tuesday, August 3, 2010 – 6:00 pm
(Park tours at 4pm leaving from the Twp Bldg.)

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Owens and Jeff Williams